

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 8:15 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held April 11, the workshop held April 11, 2007; the public hearing held April 11, 2007 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

3. Public Comment:

Leif Seitzinger of Lake View Drive noted that the Town Council had

voted at an earlier meeting to display the Armenian flag over the Town Building on April 24, 2008. Mr. Seitzinger provided the Town Council with the Federal Flag Code.

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Kevin M. Blais read an April 16, 2007 memo from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, in which Mr. Wood: said that he had determined that Councilor Blais had not inspected town vehicles; provided reports on two trucks; offered to schedule an inspection of the vehicles by the Town Council; and discussed decision-making, funding and condition of trucks. Councilor Blais discussed his knowledge with the vehicles both at the public works facility and around town and reviewed his qualifications as an inspector. Councilor Blais remarked that the reported condition of the two trucks should have prevented their passing state inspection and suggested the matter be explored. Councilor Blais voiced concern for the safety of employees and the public.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, indicated that the vehicles would not be allowed on the road if the administration did not believe they were safe to operate. Mr. Wood said that, based on his discussions with the Department of Public Works' staff, the two trucks under discussion would appear to be adequate until they could be replaced.

Mr. Wood said that he would inform the Town Council if the situation changes.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley noted that the community cookbooks, published in support of the library project, are available at the library.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the Arbor Day tree planting scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. at Tarkiln Pond.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley objected to Councilor Blais' comments. Councilor Dudley spoke of the Town Council's commitment to the best interest of the Town.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, announced the Family Fair scheduled for the Burrillville Middle School on May 12, 2007.

Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner and Economic Development Coordinator, was recognized for his efforts in securing an additional \$40,000 grant from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation for the library project.

A notice was read that the Blackstone River Watershed Association is seeking volunteers for the Massachusetts Riverways Adopt a Stream Program which is planning a survey of the West and Mill Rivers during the last two weeks of May. The clerk was asked to distribute the flyer to interested parties.

Councilor Mainville asked that the DOT post better signage relative to

the bridge closings; the detour plan was discussed.

Councilor Blais asked about the beautification of the Shippee Bridge area; Mr. Wood said that the work would be scheduled after the property had been conveyed to the Town.

Councilor Karmozyn discussed the successful Levy School 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner held on April 25, 2007 and thanked supporters.

5. Petitions:

07-157 VOTED to receive and refer to the solicitor for action with the Trust the petition from Susan Alice Taber, as Administratrix of the estate of Wayne Sherman Taber, for a claim of damages from the Town of Burrillville in the sum of \$500,000, and from Susan Alice Taber individually for a claim of damages for loss of consortium of her husband in the sum of \$200,000.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

6. Special Business:

07-158 VOTED to grant a Special Event Victualing License to St. Theresa's Church to serve fish & chips on May 18, June 15, July 20 and October 19, 2007 to apply at 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

7. Unfinished Business:

07-120 VOTED to table to a date to be determined by the chair, the correspondence from John P. Mainville, Finance Director, regarding a contingent premium rebate received from Blue Cross; and a recommendation for establishing a revolving side fund.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

8. New Business:

07-159 VOTED to receive and open the correspondence from Paul A. Roselli, President, Burrillville Land Trust, regarding his request to make a presentation to the Town Council relative to the Burrillville Farmers' Market.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Paul A. Roselli, President of the Burrillville Land Trust, distributed literature describing the Farmers' Market. Mr. Roselli noted that the official opening of the farmers' market has been scheduled for June 2, 2007 at the A.T. Levy School parking lot. Mr. Roselli said the plan is to hold the market every other Saturday from June 2, 2007 until October, as produce is available.

VOTED that the Burrillville Farmers' Market be provided with space on the Town website.

Motion by Councilor Kevin M. Blais. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-160 VOTED to open the correspondence from Edward J. Pienkos, Information Systems Manager, regarding his request to declare surplus certain items, as listed.

Motion by Councilor Kevin M. Blais. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

VOTED to approve.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-161 Resolution declaring North Shore Road a public highway; for scheduling of a public hearing (recommended date May 23, 2007).

VOTED to schedule a public hearing for May 23, 2007.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-162 VOTED to adopt a resolution requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly amend §44-4.1 of the General Laws entitled Historic Residence – Tax Credit, as follows:

**BURRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION**

The Town Council hereby respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend Chapter 44-4.1 of the General Laws entitled “Historic Residence – Tax Credit” by adding the following section:

1. The Town Council of the Town of Burrillville in addition to any authority granted by the General Laws shall have the authority by ordinance to grant tax credits for the maintenance and rehabilitation of structures having historical significance within Voluntary Historic Districts or structures not within the Districts that are determined by the Burrillville Historic District Commission to have historical value to the Town.

2. The Town Council of the Town of Burrillville shall establish by

ordinance a system of tax credits to be applied to the tax levy on a historic structure whose maintenance or rehabilitation has been done in accordance with the Historic District Commission's adopted standards.

3. The Town of Burrillville shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning applying for and receiving historic tax credits.

Passed as Resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 25th day of April 2007.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-163 VOTED to award the full depth pavement reclamation bid to Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc. at a cost of \$1.789 per square yard.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: There was discussion that the bid included "full depth reclamation, grinding, grading and application of liquid calcium". Councilor Blais asked whether liquid asphalt product was included in

the bid.

The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe. Councilor Kevin M. Blais voted in opposition.

07-164 VOTED to open the request from Councilor Norman C. Mainville to discuss and consider a request for support of the Eleanor Slater Hospital's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the "Patients for Progress Fund".

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Councilor Norman C. Mainville discussed the tournament and the use of proceeds for patients for trips, supplies and recreational programs.

VOTED to support.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor

Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-165 MOTION by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr., to notify the Attorney General's Office of a possible/potential compromise of Executive Session on March 28, 2007.

VOTED to do as requested by Councilor Karmozyn.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees.

Discussion: Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. noted that his intent was to protect the Town Council from past or future compromises of executive session and not to imply wrongdoing by any individual. Councilor Kevin M. Blais asked how many assistive listening devices the Town owns and questioned their security; the clerk informed the Town Council of the storage location.

The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe. Councilor Kevin M. Blais voted in opposition.

07-166 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Councilor Kevin M. Blais regarding several calls regarding failing or failed roads and infrastructure within the town.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe. Councilor Kevin M. Blais voted in opposition.

07-167 Correspondence from Councilor Kevin M. Blais regarding his request to discuss the issue of competitive bidding.

Motion to open by Councilor Kevin M. Blais. There was no second.

07-168 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application of David C. Ketcham for reappointment to the Budget Board.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-169 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application of Susan Sgambato for appointment to the Recreation Commission.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kevin M. Blais. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-170 VOTED to open the correspondence from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, regarding a general review, discussion and action on proposed/pending legislation.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-171 VOTED to open the copy of correspondence from Paul A. Roselli, President, Burrillville Land Trust, to Rep. Nicholas Gorham, regarding the Land Trust's support of House Bill 2007 H-5990 – An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – State Rural Conservation.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Paul A. Roselli, President, Burrillville Land Trust, reviewed the provisions of Bill H-5990 which, if adopted, provides greater protection to open space in the areas known as the Pawcatuck Borderlands.

VOTED to adopt a resolution in support of H-5990; and to send copies of the resolution to the other cities and towns and to our representative delegation at the State House and to the Burrillville Land Trust.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion carried, six in favor, one refusal. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns

and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville. Councilor Cynthia L. Roe recused.

07-172 VOTED to open discussion, consideration and action on the 2007/2008 Goals & Objectives and Public Policy and Legislative Agenda.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the process for adopting Goals & Objectives/ Public Policy and Legislative Agenda. Mr. Wood referred to the workshop held earlier and noted that the document presented reflected recommendations brought forward at the workshop. Mr. Wood asked specifically that the Town Council provide direction on whether economic development remains the first priority of the Town.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley recommended a number of additions to the Goals & Objects. Council Dudley requested that the following be added:

Section 1 – Buildings & Town Facilities

Change #4 by adding: Hire a professional management company or professional manager for the rink once the renovation is complete.

Section 1 – Public Works Projects/Programs

Add # 8: Consider establishing a dam management district for the Pascoag Reservoir.

Section 1 – Police/Public Safety

Add # 4: Consider reviewing scheduling practices to reduce police overtime.

VOTED to approve the Goals & Objectives and the administrative priorities, as they are listed, subject to the fact that we can open them later on, including the addition of the items requested by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

9. Town Clerk/Communication:

07-173 VOTED to receive and file the notice from Rhode Island

Department of Environmental Management of the application of C. Pepin & Son, Inc., requesting permission to alter freshwater wetlands near Victory Highway, Gazza Road and Main Street (Map 214, Lot 7).

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-174 VOTED to receive and file the copy of correspondence from Adam J. Sholes, Special Assistant Attorney General to Kevin M. Blais regarding the Department of Attorney General's opinion/findings related to OM 07-05.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-175 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Kathleen Viera Beaudoin, Town Clerk, Town of Portsmouth, regarding the Portsmouth Town Council's request for support of their resolution #2007-04-09 B.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-176 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Mary E. Morgan, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond, regarding the Richmond Town Council's action on Burrillville's request for support.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-177 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Dale S. Holberton, CMC, Town Clerk of the Town of South Kingstown, regarding the South Kingstown Council's action on Burrillville's request for support.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-178 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Councilman Joseph A. DePasquale of the Warren Town Council regarding the Rhode Island Wind Alliance conference to promote wind energy in Rhode Island.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-179 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Donna L. Giordano, MMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Westerly, regarding the Westerly Town Council's support of Burrillville's resolution.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

10. VOTED to receive reports 1 – 27:

1. Town Treasurer: Reports of March 2007

- 2. Burrillville Sewer Commission: Report of March 2007, Meeting of March 13, 2007**
- 3. Tax Collector: Report of March 2007**
- 4. Department of Public Works: Report of March 2007**
- 5. Chief of Police: Report of March 2007**
- 6. Office of Building Official: Report of March 2007**
- 7. Animal Control Officer: Report of February 2007**
- 8. Burrillville Housing Authority: Meeting of March 14, 2007**
- 9. Planning Board: Meeting of March 5, 2007**
- 10. Zoning Board of Review: No report**
- 11. Town Planner: No report**
- 12. Parks and Recreation Department: No report**
- 13. Information Systems Department: Report of April 2007**
- 14. Burrillville Conservation Commission: Meeting of February 13, 2006**
- 15. Juvenile Hearing Board: No report**
- 16. Ordinance Subcommittee: Meeting of February 23, 2007**
- 17. Redevelopment Agency: Meeting of February 27, 2007**
- 18. Route 102 Study Commission: No report**
- 19. BOSAP: No report**
- 20. Personnel Board: Meetings of January 16, February 13 and March 13, 2007**
- 21. Screening Subcommittee: Meeting of March 21, 2007 and report of April 2007**
- 22. Downtown Pascoag and Neighborhood Association: No report**
- 23. Budget Board: No report**

24. Library Building Committee: Meeting of March 14, 2007

25. Burrillville School Committee: No report

26. Library Fundraising Committee: No report

27. Callahan School Building Committee: No report

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

11. Additional New Business:

07-180 VOTED to grant the request for Executive Session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meeting Act;

[42-46-5 (a)(5)] for review, discussion and considerations related to the acquisition, sale and exchange of real property relative to Assessor's Map 175, Lot 041 [96 Pascoag Main St. (Laundromat building)]; and

[42-46-5 (a)(5)] for review, discussion and considerations related to the acquisition, sale and exchange of two (2) undisclosed real properties.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John

M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

The Council returned to open session at 10:03 P.M.

VOTED to seal the minutes of executive session, noting that no votes had been taken.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

07-181 VOTED to adopt a resolution recognizing Arbor Day 2007, as requested by Stephen N. Rawson, Chairman, Burrillville Conservation Commission:

**BURRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville recognizes that in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees;

and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes and fuel for our fires; and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville acknowledge and support the celebration of Arbor Day on April 27, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all citizens of Burrillville to celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Adopted this 25th day of April 2007.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Stephen N. Rawson, Chairman, Burrillville Conservation Commission, invited the Town Council to attend the celebration. Mr. Rawson said that the American Tree Council had donated a Sugar Maple, which would be planted at Tarkiln Pond on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.

12. VOTED to adjourn at 10:07 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

The meeting was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the meeting.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk